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German Offenlegungsschrift 196 35 741. U.S. Patent No. 5,769,471 corresponds to this document.

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European Patent Application No. 1 347 133.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached for PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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